

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS
ADVISORY BOARD
JANUARY 27, 2004**

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Vice-Chair Tom Truex, Norm Blanco, Jason Curtis (arrived at 7:15 p.m.), Donnell Johnson, Katherine Montgomery, Denis Shaw, Sharon Zane. Also present were Assistant Town Clerk Barbara McDaniel, Secretary Janet Gale and Clerk Linda James recording the meeting. Sandra Amaya, Willa Moore and Kitty Preziosi were absent.

2. SELECTION OF CHAIR

Vice-Chair Truex announced that Chair Geri Clark had resigned as she had moved to Pembroke Pines.

Ms. Zane made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blanco, to nominate Mr. Shaw as Chair. Ms. Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to nominate Mr. Blanco as Chair. No other nominations were made.

In a roll call vote for Mr. Blanco's nomination, the votes were: Mr. Johnson and Ms. Montgomery. In a roll call for Mr. Shaw's nomination, the votes were: Vice-Chair Truex, Mr. Blanco, Mr. Shaw and Ms. Zane.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 23, 2003
October 28, 2003

Mr. Blanco made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Truex, to approve the minutes. In a voice vote, all voted in favor with Ms. Amaya, Mr. Curtis, Ms. Moore and Ms. Preziosi being absent. (Motion carried 6-0)

Chair Shaw presented Mr. Blanco with a Certificate of Appreciation for his donation of 20 turkeys to the EASE Foundation and 10 turkeys to the Davie Police Athletic League during the holiday season.

4. OLD BUSINESS

4.1 Community Chest - Coral Springs Commissioner Maureen Berk

As Commissioner Berk was not able to attend, this item was deferred to the March 23rd meeting. Later in the meeting, a brief discussion followed on different types of Community Chests with Chair Shaw indicating that he would contact the chair of the Budget Advisory Committee.

Ms. Montgomery questioned if a Community Chest would have access to federal grants. Chair Shaw thought that this may be possible and indicated that there were a number of legal issues that would have to be reviewed.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Vice-Chair Truex questioned the need for a Councilmember as part of the structure of the Board. He thought this requirement was to allow previous Councilmember Geri Clark to be

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an active member. Vice-Chair Truex indicated that with a Councilmember being part of a board, he felt that there was undue influence.

Chair Shaw stated that he looked to this Board as being a non-political board and in the past with some issues, the Board tended to think how the person who appointed them wanted them to vote as opposed to voting their conscience. He was not sure why a Councilmember on this Board was needed. Vice-Chair Truex agreed.

Mr. Blanco indicated that he thought this decision should be a Council decision as their time was taken up with enough meetings. He added that this was the only Board where a councilmember was a member.

Vice-Chair Truex indicated that all board agenda indicated that Council could attend and participate in the discussion. He indicated that if the Board agreed, he would have the issue placed on an agenda for Council discussion.

Ms. Zane made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blanco, to request that Council consider changing the ordinance to remove the requirement of a Councilmember. In a voice vote, all voted in favor with Ms. Amaya, Ms. Moore and Ms. Preziosi being absent. (Motion carried 7-0)

Chair Shaw questioned if the recent problems in the Supervisor of Election's Office would affect the Town's election being held in March and gave the example of the parade in Hallandale Beach. A brief discussion followed with Ms. Montgomery indicating that she did not think the Town would not invite an official who had been demoted by the Governor.

6. TELEPHONE ACTION REQUESTS

There were no telephone calls to review.

Mr. Curtis questioned the cost for this phone line with Ms. McDaniel indicating that she would have the information for the next meeting.

Ms. Zane questioned when the next Diversity Festival was being held with Ms. McDaniel indicating that she would speak with Special Projects Director Bonnie Stafiej on this issue.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments were made.

8. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS

No comments or suggestions were made.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Blanco made a motion seconded by Ms. Zane, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. In a voice vote, all voted in favor with Ms. Amaya, Ms. Moore and Ms. Preziosi being absent. (Motion carried 7-0)

Approved: _____

Chair/Board Member